

KAUR moving out

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The much-publicized and long-awaited move of KAUR is soon to become a reality. The college's radio station is scheduled to leave its decaying offices in Old Main and move to its new headquarters on the first floor of Tuve Hall.

Station Manager Jim Barkley said the actual move is scheduled for next week.

KAUR's expected power increase from 100 to 500 watts also could happen any day, he said.

Currently, the broadcast range of KAUR is limited. Tall buildings and low-quality radios make it difficult for even Sioux Falls residents to pick up KAUR, Barkley said. He said the power increase, as well as a new tower, will spread KAUR's broadcast range to approximately a 45-mile range, reaching towns such as Luverne, Minn.

The new offices in Tuve will include separate rooms for broadcasting, news and production. There also will be a two-room record library, new shelves, new cabinets for broadcasting equipment and a hook-up to the Associated Press News Service.

If all goes efficiently, Barkley said, the station may need to be off the air for only five minutes or possibly up to two days.

Barkley took over as station

manager in June. He is supported by a staff including Dan Lund, program director; Jeff Paulson, music director; Bob Fitch, sports director; Randy Hutchison, news director; Brian Sather, traffic director; Doug Anderson, production director; Mike Quinn, who does computer work; Gordon Bosse, Christian music director; Brian Bonde, administrative adviser and Dr. Charles Balcer academic advisor.

When asked to express his opinion of KAUR, Barkley said, "Frankly, I think we're a prime example of college radio at its finest." Barkley did not hesitate to point out that KAUR must operate on a low budget, volunteer staff and inexperienced management. However, KAUR receives hearty support from the college along with some record companies who donate records in return for reports of what records receive air play.

KAUR depends on about 75 student volunteers to keep the tunes flowing on the airwaves. There are currently several positions open for three-hour radio shows. Barkley encourages anyone who wants a show to fill out an application. No experience is necessary for doing a radio show or news reporting on the air, he said. Interested students may fill out applications at the KAUR offices.